

MINUTES
WILLMAR POLICE COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 22, 2013

A meeting of the Willmar Police Civil Service Commission was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Members present were: Vice President Dennis Anfinson, Secretary Cassie Akerson, and new Commission member Kathy Schwantes. Police Chief David Wyffels and Administrative Assistant Susan Edwards were also present.

Vice President Anfinson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. New Commissioner Kathy Schwantes was welcomed and shared her background with the Commission.

The minutes from the September 5, 2013 were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Akerson summarized that meeting for Commissioners Anfinson and Schwantes as they had not been present.

At the September 5th meeting, the Police Commission granted an unpaid leave of absence to Officer Dorn to continue through October 1, 2013.

Commissioner Akerson asked the Chief what was happening with the Canine Program. He explained that January 8, 2013, a citizen had offered to give \$12,000 towards a Canine program. Chief Wyffels had worked out a collaborative plan with the Sheriff's Office where they would share the canine and split the costs 50/50. Chief Wyffels had been advised to submit the program under the 2104 budgeting process. The County supports the idea; however, a decision has not been made by City Council. The citizen making the offer contacted Chief Wyffels this week to inquire on the status of the program and was advised accordingly.

Chief Wyffels informed the Commission that with PERA law changes going into effect next July, there may be a couple of retirements from the police department.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Akerson, seconded by Commissioner Schwantes. Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

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